

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 10.

EXECUTIVE ORDER.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

WASHINGTON CITY, May 9, 1865.

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO RE ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND EXECUTE THE LAWS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS KNOWN AS THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.

Ordered:

First. That all acts and proceedings of the political, military, and civil organizations which have been in a state of insurrection and rebellion, within the State of Virginia, against the authority and laws of the United States, and of which Jefferson Davis, John Letcher, and William Smith were late the respective chiefs, are declared null and void. All persons who shall exercise, claim, pretend, or attempt to exercise any political, military, or civil power, authority, jurisdiction, or right, by, through, or under Jefferson Davis, late of the city of Richmond, and his confederates, or under John Letcher or William Smith and their confederates, or under any pretended political, military, or civil commission or authority issued by them or either of them since the 17th day of April, 1861, shall be deemed and taken as in rebellion against the United States, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Second. That the Secretary of State proceed to put in force all laws of the United States, the administration whereof belongs to the Department of State, applicable to the geographical limits aforesaid.

Third. That the Secretary of the Treasury proceed, without delay, to nominate for appointment, assessors of taxes and collectors of customs and internal revenue, and such other officers of the Treasury Department as are authorized by law, and shall put in execution the revenue laws of the United States within the geographical limits aforesaid. In making appointments, the preference shall be given to qualified loyal persons residing within the districts where their respective duties are to be performed. But if suitable persons shall not be found, residents of the districts, then persons residing in other States or districts, shall be appointed.

Fourth. That the Postmaster General shall proceed to establish post offices and post routes, and put into execution the postal laws of the United States within the said State, giving to loyal residents the preference of appointment; but if suitable persons are not found, then to appoint agents, &c., from other States.

Fifth. That the District Judge of said district proceed to hold courts within said State, in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Congress. The Attorney General will instruct the proper officers to libel, and bring to judgment, confiscation, and sale, property subject to confiscation, and enforce the administration of justice within said State, in all matters civil and criminal within the cognizance and jurisdiction of the Federal courts.

Sixth. That the Secretary of War assign such Assistant Provost Marshal General, and such Provost Marshals in each district of said State as he may deem necessary.

Seventh. The Secretary of the Navy will take possession of all public property belonging to the Navy Department, within said geographical limits, and put in operation all acts of Congress in relation to naval affairs having application to the said State.

Eighth. The Secretary of the Interior will also put in force the laws relating to the Department of the Interior.

Ninth. That to carry into effect the guarantee of the Federal Constitution of a republican form of State government, and afford the

advantage and security of domestic laws, as well as to complete the re establishment of the authority of the laws of the United States, and the full and complete restoration of peace within the limits aforesaid, F. H. Peirpoint, Governor of the State of Virginia, will be aided by the Federal Government, so far as may be necessary, in the lawful measures which he may take for the extension and administration of the State government throughout the geographical limits of said State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set [SEAL] my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

W. HUNTER, Acting Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has issued a Proclamation, declaring that "armed resistance to the U. S. in the insurrectionary States is virtually at an end, and those directing the operations of certain cruisers, either fugitives or captives," and therefore ordering all military and naval officers of the U. S., to be diligent to endeavor to arrest said cruisers and bring them into port; and giving notice "that if after a reasonable time shall have elapsed for this Proclamation to become known in the ports of nations claiming to have been neutrals, the said insurgent cruisers and the persons on board of them shall continue to receive hospitality in the said ports, this Government will deem itself justified in refusing hospitality to the public vessels of such nations in ports of the United States, and in adopting such other measures as may be deemed advisable toward vindicating the national sovereignty."

Governor Vance, of North Carolina, has issued a proclamation declaring that further resistance to the forces of the United States would but result in a useless waste of blood. He exhorts the disbanded soldiers to retire quietly to their homes, and there to exert themselves in preserving order. He also solemnly pledges himself to do all that may be in his power to settle the government of the State, restore civil authority within her borders, and further the great ends of peace and domestic tranquility.

Arraignment of the Conspirators—Counsel Selected.

The prisoners David E. Herold, Lewis Payne, Samuel B. Arnold, Michael O'Laughlin, George A. Atzerott, Samuel A. Mudd, and Mrs. M. E. Surratt, on being brought before the Military Commission yesterday were asked whom they desired to select for their counsel, when they named the following gentlemen:

Herold—Mr. Fred Stone, Mr. Joseph H. Bradley, and Mr. J. M. Carlisle.

Payne—Mr. Mason Campbell.

Mrs. Surratt—Hon. Reverdy Johnson and Mr. Wm. W. Kirby.

Samuel A. Mudd—Mr. Robert Jas. Brent, of Baltimore.

The other prisoners did not name counsel.

The Raleigh (North Carolina) Progress of the 2d instant, announces that it is now known in that city to be the settled policy of President Johnson to entirely ignore Gov. Vance and the late Legislature of that state.

A report brought to Wheeling, Va., by passengers from New Creek Station, that General McNeil, a number of his leading officers and the remaining portion of his command had come into the place and surrendered last Friday, on the same terms as were granted General Lee.

Later intelligence was received yesterday in regard to the flight of Jeff. Davis. After leaving Yorkville, S. C., on the 28th ult., only one day in advance of the arrival there of General Stoneman's cavalry, Davis is reported to have crossed the Savannah river, above Augusta, and to have reached Washington, Ga., last Thursday. From this point he was again compelled to flee by the approach of the Union forces. Stoneman's pursuit was so rapid that a council of war which Davis was holding, was broken up, and the whole party hurried forward in their flight. The fugitives, it is stated, were evidently heading for the Mississippi, and General Wilson, with his cavalry forces, having been apprised of their course, were endeavoring to intercept them.

A public meeting was held in Washington, last night, at the City Hall, at which Hon. John Wilson presided, and at which resolutions were adopted, cordially approving of the opinion of Attorney General Speed, that the paroled prisoners and civilians from the South, have no right to return to the District of Columbia or the loyal States, and should not be allowed to remain there, if they do return. Passion and rashness were deprecated, and calmness urged; and a committee appointed to present the resolutions to the proper authorities, and consult with them on the most feasible plan of action. The votes of two members of the City Council who had voted against certain resolutions on the same subject, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, were condemned.

The Coal heavers' strike in Georgetown is "caving in." Many hands are working at the reduced rates. There is a good supply of coal at the Georgetown wharves, and a good many vessels are being loaded.

The Secretary of the Treasury, it is stated, expects to be able to pay off promptly the government indebtedness to the soldiers about to be mustered out of service.

Gold, in New York, to day, 135½.

MARINE LIST.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

Arrived—Schooner Star, Crowell, from Boston, merchandize to M. Eldridge & Co.

Sailed—Steamer Empire, Captain Dobbins, New York, by M. Eldridge & Co.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON & SON.

NO. 88 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Offer for sale at their old stand, a large stock of HARDWARE, CUTLERY, HOUSE-KEEPER'S GOODS, WATER COOLERS, TOILET SETS, Slop Pails and Buckets, Bird Cages, Feather Dusters, Brushes, Brooms, Ploughs, Plough Castings, Lines, Scythes, Snaths, Stones, Garden Tools, Doors, Blinds, Sash, Cement, Nails, also a general assortment of Fancy Shaving and Toilet Soaps, Fishing Tackle, &c., for sale at lowest prices.

Terms Cash on Delivery.

Expected in a few days a supply of best quality of FENCING WIRE.
my 10—dlm 88 King, corner of Royal st.

MILCH COWS AND CALVES FOR SALE—The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has just received a lot of FRESH MILCH COWS and CALVES, which can be purchased at No. 303, upper end of Prince street, and which he will sell at the lowest rates. A call respectfully solicited. WM. GRAY, my 10—3t Butcher.

FOR RENT.

The THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING, on the corner of Pitt and Cameron streets, containing thirteen rooms, with gas and water fixtures, bath room, &c. Possession given early in June. Apply on the premises, to [my 10—eotf] T. M. McCORMICK.